

No. 7 *Ben Bolt* Helen Kneass

1. Oh! don't you re-mem-ber sweet Al-ice, Ben Bolt, Sweet
2. Up - der the big - o - ty tree, Ben Bolt, Which
3. And don't you re-mem-ber the school, Ben Bolt, With the
4. There's change in the things, I loved, Ben Bolt, They have

Ben Bolt was written in 1842, but was not brought to popular attention until 1843, when a play was put on in Pittsburgh called "The Battle of Buena Vista." The play died, but the song lived—in fact became the rage. It was whistled in the streets, played by the hand organs, and "Sweet Alice" was a public pet. A steamboat in the West and a ship in the East were named after her. The steamer blew up and the ship was wrecked, but "Sweet Alice" floated safely in the fragile bark of song. The streets of London were flooded with parodies, answers and imitations of it, and sold and sung by curbside minstrels. In recent years, it received another wave of popularity when introduced in the popular play "Trilby."

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WILSON HEDGED ABOUT BY CONSPIRACY OF ENTERTAINERS

Throws Washington Clubs Into Panic by Declining Membership.

Executive Faces Siege of Those Offering Him Social Distinctions.

It was not enough that Woodrow Wilson should get himself "in bad" with the haberdashers, real estate agents, butchers, bakers and candlestickmakers of Washington by upsetting the plans for an inaugural ball, out of which they expected, as usual, to reimburse themselves with liberal interest for their "contributions" to the expenses of the inaugural committee. The Washington teapot, hardly yet calm again after that disturbance, he throws it into even a greater tempest by declining honorary membership in the Chevy Chase Country club on the ground that public business will absorb his time largely, to the exclusion of "clubbiness." As a consequence the Columbia Country club, also at Chevy Chase, and the Washington Country club, across the river in Virginia, and the Metropolitan, Army and Navy and Cosmos clubs, the principal downtown clubs of Washington, were in a fine frenzy of perplexity as to whether to make the usual proffers of honorary membership.

There is hardly a literary or debating society in the District of Columbia which does not, as a matter of course, elect the president to honorary membership; his down-sitting and his up-riding are beset by formal "honors" of one kind or another; every organization of any consequence in its own eyes, from Key West to Cape Mendocino, sooner or later invites him to address the club or at least invests him with the degree of past exalted pandjrum.

Cannot Be Ordinary Person.

For a simple, unostentatious, red blooded man the greatest drawback about the presidency of the United States is the fact that from the moment of his election until his term of office expires, and usually long after that, he cannot be a mere human being, with the rights and immunities of an ordinary citizen. Wherever he goes he must be pursued by armed secret service guards, reporters and photographers. He cannot sit down in a club corner, stretch his legs and express opinions upon affairs of the day like other men—his every chance remark is quoted or misquoted on the street corners almost before he has completed it. His trivial likes and dislikes are known and commented upon; he cannot move hand or foot with the freedom that blesses his fellow men.

Some men like this sort of thing. Within the memory of men still living there have been presidents—one anyway—to whom publicity was the breath of life, who basked in the limelight as in the normal sun of day and took some

pains to keep it turned on when other men slept; who counted that day lost whose low descending sun failed to find them upon the front pages of the evening papers and the early "bulldog" editions.

Job Is Weary One.

But to the average man, after the novelty wears off, the position of "first citizen of Washington" must get to be a weary business. And if he has come to the White House with any notion that he brings with him rights of privacy, tastes or personal opinions of his own or any of the other attributes that make life bearable for John Doe and Richard Roe, he soon finds his mistake. The curse falls likewise upon his family. The remarks attributed to Mrs. Wilson to the effect that a president's wife could dress on \$1,000 a year, set all the Washington dinner tables a-buzzing.

Even the dressmaking of the president's wife and daughters is a public affair, and these alleged remarks—whether Mrs. Wilson really made them or not—will cause the gowns of the Wilson family to bear an inspection of microscopic intensity.

So, when you come to the question of club membership, it is in the same atmosphere. Mr. Wilson cannot choose the club—if any—to which he desires to belong and apply for membership like any other man; he must take it as a gift and in some sense an obligation or not at all, and this episode has shown that if he desires it not at all, it is taken more or less as an offense.

Mr. Wilson Knows Dangers.

There is a serious side to the question, and the consideration of it justifies the suspicion that Mr. Wilson has instinctively sensed, or had some pretty subtle information about the real situation in Washington, and the difficulty a president has at best in keeping himself free of embarrassing entanglements. A very plausible argument might be made against the president's accepting membership in any local organization in Washington.

One of the hard things about being president is that he can have few intimacies. For one thing, to be the intimate of the president, if the game is to be played "on the level," is to have the door of advancement shut upon you absolutely. Membership in a "tennis cabinet" has been at times in the past a peculiar qualification for promotion.

Before a new president has reached the third week of his incumbency he suspects the "how-d'ye-do" of every man who greets him in the street; from morning until night almost every person who comes near comes with a demand.

ENGLISH COLONY TO FOUND A UTOPIA IN COSTA RICA

To establish a real Utopia in Central America for the future homes of many Englishmen and their families. Walter T. Knight, a lawyer of Bacup, Lancashire, recently sailed for Port Limon.

This is the second trip that Mr. Knight has made to Costa Rica. Ten months ago, as the representative of the Simplists' Society of England, an organization with a membership of 800, he went down to seek an ideal location for the colony.

"We have purchased sufficient land to accommodate 250 families," said Mr. Knight. "I am going back to make preliminary arrangements, and in June the advance guard of colonists, including carpenters, mechanics, doctors and others, will arrive. By Christmas we hope that 150 families will be settled."

Mr. Knight explained that while the new colony would be founded on the teachings of Dr. Theodore Hertzka of Vienna and that the doctor's ideas had been adopted by the Simplists in

CHOPIN'S LAST PUPIL PLAYS.

Dr. Peru at Eighty-three Gives Concert to Save Goods From Sheriff.

The last surviving pupil of the great Chopin gave a concert recently in Paris to save his poor belongings from the sheriff. His name is Dr. Peru, and he is eighty-three years old. Sixty-five years ago he was one of the favorite pupils of the great composer.

The poor old man played fourteen pieces by Chopin as the master had taught them to him, and the audience was surprised and delighted with his beautiful performance. Eighty-three years old and his fingers as nimble as those of a girl of twenty.

Peru, despite his great age, is still making a scant living as a piano teacher in the workmen's quarters.

their book of regulations, the colony would be limited to Englishmen.

Co-operation Is Plan.

"The main idea is co-operation, with the protection of individual rights and liberty," Mr. Knight continued. "There will be no individual ownership of land. Farmers and workmen will own the product of their labor and will buy and sell among themselves in the currency of Costa Rica."

"Women may work for their living if they want to, and will thus be saved the necessity of marrying for a home and support. Cooking and house-keeping will be done by the community. All work places will be apart from the home section."

"Control of the colony will be divided into twelve departments. Education will rank first, and its object will be to instill respect for the rights of others. Interest charging will be illegal. No monopolies or combinations will be allowed. There will be no employers and no proprietors and no chance for idler's profit."

FRAU KRUPP AIDS ARMY.

Owner of Armament Works to Pay \$1,800,000 to Military Fund.

The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin printed recently a forecast which other newspapers regarded as based on official information of the extent of the levy on fortunes which is to go toward paying for the \$250,000,000 increase of the army. According to this, the levy will be at rates ranging from \$1 in \$400 on fortunes between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to \$1 in \$25 on fortunes of \$20,000,000 and over.

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